

## Andrew Jackson to Benjamin Franklin Currey, September 3, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**TO B. F. CURREY AND H. MONTGOMERY.<sup>1</sup>**

1 Copy. Currey and Montgomery were respectively emigration and enrolling agents for the Cherokees, whom it was desired to remove from Georgia to the region west of the Mississippi, later known as Indian Territory.

Hermitage, September 3, 1834.

I have just been advised by Mr. Hardwick from the cherokee country, that Walker has been shot, Ridge and other chiefs in favour of emigration, and you as the agent of the U. States Govern't threatened with death. The Government of the U.S. has promised them protection, *it will perform its obligations* to a tittle. On the receipt of this, notify John Ross<sup>2</sup> and his council, that we will hold them answerable for every Murder committed by his people on the emigrants or emigrating party, and the agent is hereby required with you, to enter upon the inquiry and take depositions to prove upon the perpetrator or perpetrators the fact of the intended Murder, their advisors, aiders and abettors, and have them dealt with as the law directs. You and the agent will cause to be apprehended all persons who have made threats against any of the Chiefs of the emigrating party or against yourself and have them kept in close confinement until they give security to keep the peace. On the application of Governor Carroll of Tennessee, for the aid of the Military to aid the civil authority, it will be yielded to him. You will therefore advise him as well as the Secretary of War of all and every danger that may be threatened. The Civil power is competent to protect the honest citizen and to punish civil discord and murder, and you may assure Mr. John Ross and his coadjutors that it will perform its duty.

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2 Indian Chief, delegate of the Cherokees.